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Benzene Health Research Consortium;

Attached are the draft minutes from the conference call of May 3rd. Please review and forward any corrections, additions or comments to my attention. The next conference call will be this coming Monday, May 14th at 9:00 AM EDT. The call details are provided below:

Call Title: Benzene Consortium
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Benzene Consortium Call

May 3, 2001

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Patsy Clegg (Shell)
Chris Raythorne (BP)
Stuart Cagen (Shell)
Patrick Beatty (Chevron)

Roll Call of Companies:

Company	Shares	Commitment level
Exxon	3	No decision yet (will follow-up with Carol Fairbrother)
BP	3	Positive outlook, hopefully a decision next week
Chevron	2	Yes, letter should be out next week
Shell	2	Yes, with conditions
Conoco	1	(Relayed by Patrick Beatty) Tentatively yes, no official letter yet
Phillips	1	Not likely to decide until the Tosco merger is complete
Ashland	2	Not seen as very likely

Issues to Consortium Formation:

- Agency Involvement - EPA or other agency could “nominate” a member to review the protocols, or they could be invited to join the independent scientific review committee
- Critical Mass - Shell would like a “critical mass” of shares before proceeding. The suggestion was to have 15 shares or scale back the protocols to meet whatever lower funding is available.
 - The question was asked, when do we need to get 15 shares committed? No firm date was fixed, but it was stated that it should be sometime in the future to avoid scaling back now then trying to add back capabilities if and when additional funding partners are found.
 - Is there a potential for tiering the studies to address funding availability?
- Interim Funding – An estimated \$100K in additional funding (split on a share basis among the interested companies) will be needed to cover 2 months (to the end of June) until the consortium actually forms or not.
- Potential Other Funding Sources
 - Dow and Dupont may be approached - Dow originally said no
 - Eastman
 - Dupont
 - Total/Final/Elf
 - Equitor (spelling?) – showing some interest early on

- Leukemia Foundation funds \$45M in research and may also be a candidate
- Robin Rorick of API has been investigating potential leads from searches on the internet. The results of those searches will be shared on the consortium web site soon.

Action Items:

- To continue funding for the University of Colorado staff for next 2 months (until the end of June)
- Companies should have a legal review of the proposed project name - “Benzene Health Research Consortium”

Review of Minutes from April 24 call:

- Concern with growing tensions over Taiwan (Communications Issue)
- Guarantee for the University of Colorado = contract on May 15th date
- \$25K is anticipated to cover independent protocol reviews and no additional funds would be anticipated for any reviewers from governmental agencies; they usually perform these types of tasks as a part of their normal work duties – however, that may also delay their availability.

Next Call Monday, May 14th – 9:00am